

The Oasis

Saturday, April 13, 1912

ACROSS THE BORDER.

Mirror of Events Transpiring in the Neighboring Republic.

Chihuahua Enterprise: Reports reached this city yesterday afternoon Pancho Villa, while occupying Parral, appropriated \$300,000. It is generally known that Pancho is no "piker," but it is also well known there is not that amount of money in the entire state at present.

Chihuahua Enterprise: All El Paso Heralds dated April 3 which could be found by the police in this city Thursday were confiscated. Diligent inquiry failed to reveal the reason for taking up the paper of that date, but is presumed that it was either on account of the article referring to the rebel defeat at Parral, or Gen. Orozco's criticism of the manifesto which bore his signature unauthorized.

Chihuahua Enterprise: There was considerable excitement in El Paso Tuesday when it was learned that Powell Roberts, a former policeman in that city, had been arrested in Juarez charged with being a spy for the Madero government. Mr. Roberts was brought to the city and put in the penitentiary to await trial, but was released after being incarcerated twenty-four hours and immediately returned to El Paso. Upon arriving at the border Mr. Roberts stated that after being held in the penitentiary here Wednesday and Wednesday night he was taken before Col. Terrazas and shown two telegrams, one from Gen. Orozco ordering his release, and the other from Mayor Kelly, of El Paso, demanding his release. He was then returned to Juarez under guard and given his release by Col. Pascual Orozco, Sr., who told him that five witnesses had sworn that he was a spy.

Chihuahua Enterprise: F. C. Mentzer, agent of the National Lines at Ciudad Juarez, was arrested in Juarez, and put in jail where he was held two days. After being released Col. Pascual Orozco, Sr., assured the agent that it was all a mistake; that the arrest had not been ordered from headquarters. It is said that the trouble all started several weeks ago when Gen. Ines Salazar wished to commandeer rolling stock of the National Lines to transport his men to Chihuahua. On orders from Mexico City, supposedly to overhaul the rolling stock during the period of inactivity, the cars and engines were shunted across the river to El Paso, and Gen. Salazar, was left without equipment on the Nation-

al. He subsequently procured equipment from the Mexico North-western and brought his troops south. Last Thursday Mentzer, who had been keeping away from Juarez since the removal of the rolling stock, went over to see about some business of importance and was arrested by four policemen and taken before the collector who ordered him locked up.

Mexican Herald: The sound of the "matraca" is heard around about and within the Alameda from early morning until late at night and whole carloads of brightly painted Judases are on display at the booths, so that notwithstanding the troubled times the children are enjoying Holy Week as much as usual. The booths continue to go up and by noon today when the real holidays begin there will be almost an unbroken line of stalls from Avenida Juarez around the Alameda to the national theater. Many more wooden booths have gone up this year than usual. Some of these are occupied by Japanese stores. The seeker after the curious and typical articles of Mexico will find a rich field at these booths where native pottery from several different states, baskets, toys, and the inimitable "matraca" are on sale. The "matraca" is the special Holy Week toy. It consists of a squeak—that is its inherent quality. This squeak is fitted into the form of wagons, carts, whirl-gigs, tops, and many other toys for the children.


Mexican Herald: The train to Aguascalientes was held up April 1 at Los Salas by a small party of bandits under the command of Jose Perez Castro who took possession of a number of saddles which were on board destined for the rurales at Aguascalientes, according to a statement made by persons arriving here yesterday who were on board the train which was detained two hours by the bandits. The coolness of the Federal captain, Luis Jimenez, was much commented on by all who witnessed his actions. He did not attempt to conceal his identity which he could easily have done but when Perez Castro personally asked him who he was he told him plainly. The leader of the bandits then ordered his men to shoot him immediately. The captain permitted himself to be tied and led away without a murmur. His life was saved by the conductor who, being a personal friend of Perez Castro, urged him to set the brave captain free, which was done. The conductor was able also to get the bandits to let the train pass. They had made attempts to destroy the track but the conductor succeeded in preventing this. The passengers of the train and the train crew were not molested in any way by the revolutionists, and after a two hours' delay the train was permitted to proceed.

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